

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of Texas~~United States District Court~~
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United States of America)

V.)

Jorge Eduardo Mendez)

Defendant(s))

Case No. M-19-1601-M

David J. Bradley, Clerk

USC YOB: 1992

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of 07/11/2019 in the county of Hidalgo in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A (a)(2)(A)

Offense Description

Receipt of Child Pornography

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment A



Continued on the attached sheet.



Complainant's Signature

Troy Guthrie Special Agent /HSI

Printed name and title

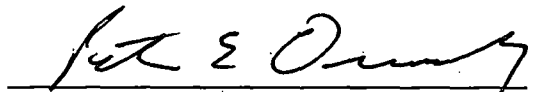
Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

July 11, 2019

Date

11:40 amMcAllen, Texas

City and State



Judge's signature

Hon. Peter Ormsby U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT "A"

On June 6, 2019, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Rio Grande Valley Child Exploitation Investigations Task Force (RGV CEITF) Special Agent (SA) Troy Guthrie began an internet investigation to identify persons using peer-to-peer (P2P) software on the internet to traffic in child pornography. HSI Austin SA J.P. Reneau identified a computer, located at internet protocol (IP) address 67.10.23.169, offering to participate in the distribution of images and videos of child pornography. Several videos were obtained by SA Reneau, and three (3) were reviewed as representative samples. All three (3) representative samples met the federal definition of child pornography. Subsequent investigation revealed that IP address 67.10.23.169 was utilized from the residence located at 2602 Saltillo St., Hidalgo, TX.

On Thursday, July 11, 2019, the HSI RGV CEITF executed a residential search warrant at 2602 Saltillo St., Hidalgo, TX. The search warrant was executed without incident and resulted in the seizure of three (3) laptop computers and three (3) cell phones.

One of the occupants of the residence, Jorge Eduardo MENDEZ (DOB 09/03/1992), agreed to accompany agents to the HSI McAllen office for an interview. During a post-Miranda interview, MENDEZ admitted to downloading, receiving and possessing child pornography for approximately 7 years. Further, MENDEZ admitted to recently receiving and possessing child pornography on his laptop computer, and the Ares Peer-to-Peer software was downloading child pornography as agents executed the search warrant.

A preliminary forensic analysis yielded more than 90 video files of child pornography from MENDEZ's Sony Inspiron laptop. MENDEZ admitted to downloading and receiving child pornography from multiple individuals and said he knew it is illegal to download, receive and possess child pornography.